



## ARMENIANS KILLED

### TROUBLE UNCHECKED

### Tartars Slay Armenian Refugees and Carry Off Women.

### TROOPS ARE BADLY WANTED

Operators of Copper Mines Telegraph for Troops to Prevent Destruction of the Property and Loss of Life—Horrible Outrages Occur Daily.

Tiflis, Sept. 18.—General Shirinkin, commander of the troops, today received a telegram from the officials of the copper works at Elizabethtown requesting him to send a troop of Cossacks to that district. The telegram says the district is surrounded by bands of Tartars and the property and lives of the employers are in imminent danger. Five wagons filled with Armenian refugees from Shusha were attacked by the Tartars and most of the refugees were killed and the women carried off.

Similar outrages are occurring in various districts.

Tiflis, Sept. 18.—Tonight a mob of 500 persons attacked a mail train at Abasheh station and detached the engine. Troops and police drove rioters away, killing and wounding many. Several other outrages on the railway have occurred in this neighborhood.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—The emperor has ordered a state of siege to be proclaimed in the town and district of Bielostok owing to the disturbances there.

Baku, Sept. 18.—Serious outrages still continue here and many shops remain closed.

Boston, Sept. 18.—The Armenian-American citizens of Boston and the vicinity held a mass meeting last night to protest against the massacres of Armenians in the Caucasus. Resolutions were adopted denouncing Russian authorities and holding them responsible for the death of thousands of innocent persons. The local officials were charged with having actually incited the disorders and encourage Moslem fanaticism.

"By seizing the weapons of the Armenians," the resolutions declared, "the Russian authorities deprived our compatriots of their means of self defense, and furthermore did not use their military power to protect them against the attacks of Kurds, but on the contrary, allowed the leaders of the Kurds to go unpunished."

"The Russian government, in entire disregard of international law, permitted the entrance into its territory of armed Kurds to join the Tartars in their murder and plunder."

"We protest against this barbarous state of affairs in the Caucasus and ap-

peal to the humane sentiments of the American people and government to bring pressure to bear upon the government at St. Petersburg and put an end to the bloodshed."

### TO LEAVE FOR HOME

Japanese Minister Takahira Will Pay His Wife a Visit.

Washington, Sept. 18.—It is expected that before returning to Japan to visit his wife, Minister Takahira will make a hurried visit to Washington. The business of the legation will probably be left to the care of Mr. Hoki, as chief in charge, either until Minister Takahira returns or another appointment is made.

### M. WITTE AT CHERBOURG.

Wife and Friends Meet Him at the Docks—Leave for Paris.

Cherbourg, Sept. 18.—Kaiser Wilhelm II. arrived here this evening. Madame Witte, her daughter and a number of friends went on board the vessel to meet M. Witte. M. Witte and his colleagues were enthusiastically cheered by the passengers and crowds assembled on the quays as they went ashore.

The party will leave early tomorrow morning for Paris.

### TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Sept. 18.—Western Oregon: Tuesday, increasing cloudiness with showers on the coast.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, fair.

## CIRCUS TENT COLLAPSES

### Gale Hurls Great Canvas Structure on 10,000 People.

Accident Occurs While Ringling Bros. Circus Is Showing at Marysville, Mo.—People Make Wild Efforts to Escape—Many Trampled Under Foot.

Marysville, Mo., Sept. 18.—The big tent of Ringling Bros. circus collapsed here this afternoon. Two men are probably fatally injured and five severely hurt, and more than two score of others were bruised and trampled upon.

The wind had blown a gale all day and when with 10,000 people in the tent an extra strong gust raised the enormous canvas high enough to lift all the poles and supports from their positions, the whole mass fell upon the audience, show people, and animals. All made a wild effort to escape. The show will be delayed here for several days making repairs.

### EXPLOSION KILLS THREE LABORERS

Bonner's Ferry, Sept. 18.—Three men were killed on the Spokane Interurban railway Saturday through an explosion of a missed hole. All three were laborers and their address is unknown. The bodies were buried yesterday at Bonner's Ferry.

## CONFERENCE CALLED

### ARRANGEMENTS SECRET

### Second International Peace Congress to Meet at the Hague.

### CZAR OF RUSSIA ISSUES CALL

No Sooner Is Russo-Japanese War Ended When Czar Again Appears as Universal Peace Promoter—Full Particulars and Date Not Yet Learned.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—Emperor Nicholas today again appears before the world as a promoter of universal peace. No sooner is the Russo-Japanese war over and even before the peace treaty is ratified, than his majesty issues invitations to a second peace conference at The Hague. That the emperor has done so was learned today from a source which leaves no shade on which a doubt as to its authenticity may be based.

It is learned that the Russian government purposes to address the foreign powers with a view to holding a second peace conference at The Hague, but it is known that the negotiations preceding this announcement were entered into especially with the United States and conducted with the greatest secrecy, there being not the slightest inkling that Russia contemplated anything of the kind.

It is absolutely impossible for us to learn tonight the proposed date of the second conference or to gain even an approximate idea regarding it, but it will not probably be greatly delayed.

Russia, as the power convoking the conference, will probably submit an official program, other powers submitting to the suggestions.

### TENDERED FAREWELL BANQUET.

Retiring Consul General at Paris Honored by Germans.

Berlin, Sept. 18.—A farewell dinner, under the auspices of the American association of commerce and trade in Berlin, was given at Hotel Kaiser Hof tonight to Frank H. Mason, the retiring American consul general at Paris. All the prominent people of the American colony and numerous representatives of the German commercial interests were present beside many American consuls in Germany.

Charlemagne Tower, the American ambassador, presided. He proposed the health of President Roosevelt and then that of Emperor William and that of the members of the imperial family.

### SUICIDE ENDS CAROUSAL

Woodbuyer Becomes Remorseful After Night of Dissipation.

Pendleton, Sept. 18.—Filled with remorse over a night's carousal and the loss of \$80 of his employer's money, which he gambled away, J. M. Stewart, of Walla Walla, blew out his brains here Sunday morning, shortly after 5 o'clock. The deed was committed at the corner of Main and Webb streets and at the time the deceased was evidently on his way to the depot to take the early morning train for Meacham.

Stewart was about 50 years of age. He is said to have been employed by a Walla Walla wood firm, and was on his way to the Blue mountains to purchase wood for his employer. He leaves a wife and family.

### STORMS DAMAGE SHIPS

Coast Bound Vessels Are Compelled to Put Into Port.

London, Sept. 18.—The German ship Emile from Shields, England to Portland, Oregon, put in at Port Stanley, Falkland islands, August 10, with her rigging damaged. On August 11th, the British ship Beacon Rock, from Liverpool for Tacoma, Washington, put into Port Stanley with her decks and bulwarks damaged. The vessel had lost several boats and some sails.

### PROVES TO BE TYPHOID

Baron Komura's Physicians Finally Agree on Diagnosis.

New York, Sept. 18.—It turns out after all, that Baron Komura has typhoid fever. His physicians agreed on a diagnosis today, but said it was a mild case. This final diagnosis may alter the plan to start westward with the baron on October 2. A bulletin issued by M. Sato tonight stated the baron's condition to be satisfactory and an uninterrupted recovery expected.

### RAILROADS AND TELEGRAPH LINES WASHED OUT

Result of Floods in the Mississippi and Missouri River Valleys.

Topeka, Sept. 18.—A special to the Capital from Emporia states that the railroad tracks and telephone and telegraph lines are washed out in all directions from that city.

## OPPOSED TO AGREEMENT

### Certain Element in Norway Dis- satisfied with Terms.

Commissioners After Two and One Half Hours Conference Adjourn Until Certain Points Are Settled by Sub-Committee—Sweden Will Sign Treaty.

Karlstadt, Sept. 18.—Norwegian and Swedish delegates were in conference two and a half hours today and adjourned to meet when an agreement was reached on certain points which were submitted to a sub-committee.

A certain element in Norway is opposing the proposed terms of agreement thus placing a difficulty in the way of the delegates. It is understood that as a basis of an agreement Sweden has promised to sign an arbitration treaty as soon as Norway is recognized as a separate state, while Norway agrees to destroy all of her new frontier fortifications. The other conditions are still under consideration.

The Norwegian premier, M. Michelsen and one of the commissioners authorized the following statement:

"The reports regarding the mobilization in Norway are greatly exaggerated and are probably circulated with the intention of creating a sensation. In any case no more troops will be destined to the frontier while the conference is sitting."

### REWARD OF \$1,000 IS OFFERED

New York, Sept. 18.—A reward of \$1,000 was offered today by the Times for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Jacob H. Thompson, the exchange editor of that paper, who was fatally assaulted on September 7 in his room at Hotel St. James.

### BASEBALL SCORES.

Seattle, Sept. 18.—Tacoma, 4; Seattle, 2.

## CONFIDENCE REIGNS

### FEWER CASES REPORTED

### President Will Visit Cres- cent City Despite the Fever.

### NO DANGER IS ANTICIPATED

Mayor Behrman After Conference With Leading Citizens Telegraphs That no Risk Would Be Attached to His Proposed Visit on October 24.

New Orleans, Sept. 18. Official report to 6 p. m.: New cases, 34; total, 2605; deaths, 6; total, 341; new foci, 31; cases under treatment, 317; discharged, 1953.

The number of new cases is especially low for Monday and is taken as an indication that the record for the week will be pretty low. Tallulah has reported ten new cases and one death and Tere Bonne, 17 new cases, with one death.

New Orleans, Sept. 18.—Today Mayor Behrman received a telegram from the president in regard to his forthcoming visit in October, saying he would come on October 24 as previously arranged, or he would defer it to a later date.

Tonight the committee in charge of the matter met and afterward the following telegram was sent by the mayor:

"I have the honor to acknowledge your telegram of this date. At a meeting of the executive committee of citizens held this evening, I was requested to telegraph you that we are absolutely convinced that there would be no risk attached to your visit on the date originally made, October 24, next."

### AMERICAN TRADE STIMULATED

Agents in Russia of American Firms Take Advantage of Lower Duties.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—The removal of the retaliatory duties on American imports has already proved a great stimulus to American trade here. The agents for American houses have wired directions for the shipment of engines, pumps and other machinery as soon as the order rescinding the duties takes effect. This prompt action of the agents was necessary in order to land goods at Cronstadt before the close of the negotiations. Also in order to take ad-

vantage of the favorable rates under the existing treaties for when navigation is re-opened a new and higher scale of duties based on the treaty recently made with Germany will be in effect.

### SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY

Young Men Who Terrorized Sumpter Will Serve Five Years Each.

Baker City, Sept. 18.—Judge White, of the circuit court this morning sentenced George Duncan and C. A. Carter, the young men who terrorized Sumpter three months ago by firing guns and revolvers in the streets at men and women, to five years each in the penitentiary.

### PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Sheriff Smith, and Dr. Van Gesner Were Arraigned Yesterday.

Portland, Sept. 18.—C. S. Smith, the sheriff of Crook county and Dr. Van Gesner were arraigned today and pleaded not guilty to the charge of having tampered with the government witnesses at the first two trials of Williamson-Gesner and Biggs. The date of their trial has not been set.

### "OPEN DOOR" IN MANCHURIA

London, Sept. 18.—A correspondent of the Morning Telegraph at Shanghai says that China has decided to open the provinces of Ninguta, Hunchun, Kirin, Hwantun and Tsisir in Manchuria to foreign trade.

## DEFRAUDS GOVERNMENT

### Clerk in Marine Hospital Service Embezzles \$20,000.

Duty Was to Prepare Bills for Surgeon-General's Signature — Forged Firm's Name to Whom the Checks Were Issued—Makes Full Confession.

Washington, Sept. 18.—James W. Boyd, clerk in the Public Health and Marine hospital service was arrested today on a warrant charging him with embezzlement.

The discovery of facts leading to the charge was made last Thursday in Boyd's absence, and the amount abstracted will, according to Boyd's own confession reach not less than \$20,000.

Boyd's duty was to prepare bills for the approval of the surgeon general, and when the checks were signed, they were delivered to him to be mailed to persons for whom they were intended. It is charged that he manipulated the bills by erasing the dates and amounts on duplicates left in the office and he secured the money on the checks by endorsing on them the names of the firms to which they were issued. The alleged defalcation has been in progress for the past three years and Boyd was not suspected until his recent illness compelled his absence from his duties.

## BUSINESS SECTION OF NOME CITY BURNED

Seattle, Sept. 18.—Dispatches received in Seattle last night told of a disastrous fire that swept the heart of the business section of Nome on the night of September 13. From the meager information it was gathered that from 60 to 65 buildings were destroyed in the vicinity of Lane's Way, and that the fire area

covered several blocks. No loss of life was reported.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Commissioner Richards of general lands office received a telegram from the trustees of the town site at Nome, Alaska, today, notifying him of the destruction by fire of all the town records in his office except the plat and tract books.

## INDICTMENTS ATTACKED IN BEEF TRUST CASES

Chicago, Sept. 18.—By pleas in abatement, attorneys representing 11 packers and other persons who are indicted by the federal grand jury on charges of conspiring in trust to monopolize the meat industry, attacked the position of the government today. The attack was made against the government on the following points; impaneling of the jury; alleged improper service in the summons on John Murray, one of the jurors; unlawful secrecy at the time the jury was drawn from the box; the unlawful presence of a stenographer in the jury room during the hearing and the subsequent writing of short hand notes; the indictment being returned in the eastern division of Illinois, although the jury which found the indictment was sitting in the northern district. There was no court proceedings and the plea has not yet been properly filed with the clerk of the district court, but this will be done tomorrow.